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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

BENJAMIN H. BRAGG BURTON G. DANA
ROBERT M. BRACKETT

Treasurer

DONALD W. MOORE

Town Clerk

HENRY C. METCALF

Road Agent

FRED C. CARMAN

Supervisors

ROY H. BUSS BRAINERD R. TAYLOR
EARL M. PITCHER

Moderator

H. LEROY ESTABROOK

Ballot Clerks

LEON M. TROW GUY S. NEAL
JOHN H. ALLEN HERBERT D. GALE

Tax Collector

LEONARD F. BRAGG

Auditors

LEON M. TROW RICHARD G. BATH

Trustees of Trust Funds

H. LEROY ESTABROOK ROBERT M. BRACKETT
DONALD W. MOORE

School Board

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Men and Women of Alstead Who Served Our Country in World War II
January 1, 1946

Ralph Aiken
*Harry E. Allen
Less H. Allen
Paul F. Asbell
Frances H. Ayer
Franklin A. Ayer
Alton P. Balla
Turner R. Bellows
George L. Bowhay
William W. Brislin
James E. Burnham
Walter F. Brightman
Harry Burroughs
Morris R. Burroughs
Willard Burroughs
John Cheplich
Frank E. Clark, Jr.
Roscoe Clark
Frances R. Cole
George L. Comstock, Jr.
Jessie R. Comstock
Walter Corbin
Leonard Croto
Charles H. Duffy
Lyman B. Fletcher
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John T. Fox
Arthur Freihofer
Eugene Goodrich
Howard L. Goss
Archie M. Hall
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James Haskins
Richard S. Henry
Howard Jackson
Elizabeth Jacobs, Wac
Richard F. Jefts
Jeremiah Kercewich
Peter Kercewich
Walter Kercewich
Alexander Kershis
Alvah L. Knapp
Leslie G. Lewis
Charles L. Luksevich
Frank P. Luksevich
Joseph R. Luksevich
Wilford S. Mack
Carroll H. Metcalf
Clarence W. Metcalf
George B. Mousley
Maynard Mousley
Harry A. Neal
Raymond H. Newton
Charles A. Nowak
Edward P. Nowak
Wallace P. Nowak
Berton Pratt
Edward Oscar Pratt
Harvey G. Pratt
Ralph F. Renzelman
Earl W. Rhoades
Ernest E. Rhoades
Richard Rhoades
Stanley H. Ring
Carroll A. Robbins
Harold Robbins
Stewart Seavey
Frank Smith
Alexander T. Sonosky
Edward Sonosky
Steven Sonosky
Gerald W. White
xMorgan H. Whitton
Harold A. Winham
Frank Wyman

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xDied in Service

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

Cheshire, ss:

To the inhabitants of Alstead qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on the twelth (12) day of March, A. D. 1946 at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles.

Art. 1. To choose the following officers, town clerk, town treasurer, one selectman for three years, tax collector, overseer of poor, one or more road agents, auditors, constables, library trustees, trustees of trust funds, fence viewers, cemetery committee, sextons, park commissioner, measurers of wood and surveyors of lumber, and other town officers required by law or as the voters may direct.

Art. 2. To see what sums of money the town will raise for ordinary town charges, old age assistance, and for the support of the poor.

Art. 3. To see what sums of money the town will raise for highways, and bridges.

Art. 4. To see what action the town will take regarding the purchase of road equipment, including snow removal equipment and raise and borrow money for the same.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise to oil the village streets.

Art. 6. To see if the town will raise $608.75 for Class V roads and call for State assistance, the State to contribute $2,435.01.

Art. 7. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell real estate acquired by tax sale.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of cemeteries.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise $25.00 for water rent for the town hall and watering trough.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the library.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise $40.00 for Memorial Day.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care of parks and playgrounds.

Art. 13. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 14. To see if the town will raise $1,158.34 to reduce state aid construction notes.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise $850.00 for street lights.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $77.00 (1/100th of 1% of the valuation of the town) to the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire for issuance and distribution of printed matter, newspaper and magazine advertising, and by other means calling attention to the resources and natural advantages of the town, in cooperation with the other thirty-seven towns of the Monadnock Region.

Art. 17. To see how much money the town will raise to dig and maintain water holes throughout the town for fire protection and for the support of the fire company and for the purchase of fire fighting equipment.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the care and maintenance of the town clock.

Art. 19. To see if the town will raise the sum of $200.00 for the purchase of snow fence.

Art. 20. To see what action the town will take in regard to building a sidewalk on Mechanic street, and raise money for the same.

Art. 21. To see if the town will start a Capital reserve fund for the purpose of building an elementary school building in the future.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to adopt the Australian Ballot System, so-called.

Art. 23. To see if the town will accept a trust fund of $200.00 to be known as the Washburn-Severense Fund; and a fund of $100.00 to be known as the Walter E. Wilson Fund to be held by the town as Cemetery Trust Funds.

Art. 24. To see what action the town will take to purchase or rent and maintain land for a public dump.

Art. 25. To hear and allow accounts.

Art. 26. To transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of February, A. D. 1946.

BENJ. H. BRAGG,
BURTON G. DANA,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
Selectmen of Alstead.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

BENJ. H. BRAGG,
BURTON G. DANA,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
Selectmen of Alstead.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1946 TO DEC. 31, 1946
COMPARED WITH
ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR JAN. 1, 1945 TO DEC. 31, 1945

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1945	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1946	Increase	Decrease
From state:				
Interest and dividends tax,	$914 28	$914 28		
Savings bank tax,	317 63	317 63		
For fighting forest fires, attend meeting,	2 78			$2 78
Vilas street light,	15 00	15 00		
Dog licenses.	354 94	354 94		
From local sources except taxes:				
Business licenses and permits, pistol,	6 00	6 00		
Rent of town hall and other buildings,	50 00	100 00	$50 00	
Interest received on taxes and deposits,	158 89	158 89		
Income from trust funds,	3,175 28	3,175 28		
Credit on town road account,	312 04			312 04

	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1945	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1946	Increase	Decrease
Motor vehicle permit fees,	684 71	684 71		
Bounties,		113 50	113 50	
†Cash surplus—deficit,	5,161 39			
From local taxes other than property taxes:				
(a) Poll taxes—Regular @ $2,	750 00	750 00		
(b) National Bank stock taxes,	12 50	12 50		
Total revenues from all sources,	$1,592 66	$6,602 73	$163 50	$314 82
*Amount to be raised by property taxes,		27,585 16		
Total revenues,		$33,389 68		

†Cash Surplus equals Excess of actual Cash on Hand at close of fiscal year over Current Liabilities, i.e., Balance of Appropriation due School District, Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes and Accounts Payable.

*Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1945	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1946	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General government:				
Town officers' salaries,	$1,655 00	$1,600 00		$55 00
Town officers' expenses,	103 86	100 00		3 86
Election and registration expenses,	32 00	75 00	$43 00	
Auto tax fees,	86 50	86 50		
Expenses town hall and other town buildings,	122 97	125 00	2 03	
Protection of persons and property:				
Police department,	21 08	25 00	3 92	
Fire department,	364 11	500 00	135 89	
Moth extermination —blister rust,	83 85			83 85
Health:				
Vital statistics,	15 50	15 50		
Dog tags, constable,	15 41	25 00	9 59	
Highways and bridges:				
Town maintenance:				
Summer,	9,945 10	7,600 00		2,345 10
Street lighting,	862 44	850 00		12 44
Town road aid,	822 01	600 00		222 01
Public welfare:				
Town poor,	1,301 47	500 00		801 47
Old age assistance,	800 63	800 00		63

	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1945	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1946	Increase	Decrease
Patriotic purposes:				
Memorial day and veterans' asso'ns,	40 00	40 00		
Recreation:				
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts,	100 00	100 00		
Public Service enterprises:				
Cemeteries,	237 50	400 00	162 50	
Unclassified:				
Unclassified,	645 50	645 50		
Damages and legal expenses, tax sales,	419 97	419 97		
Advertising and Regional associations,	77 00	77 00		
Interest:				
On temporary loans,	140 00	100 00		40 00
Indebtedness:				
(b) Long term notes,	1,158 34	1,158 34		
Payments to other governmental divisions:				
County taxes,	1,546 87	1,546 87		
Payments to school districts,	17,501 50	16,000 00		
Total expenditures,	$38,098 61	$33,389 68	$356 93	$3,564 36

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF ALSTEAD

For The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1945

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the audited official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

January 28, 1946.

BENJAMIN H. BRAGG,
BURTON G. DANA,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
Selectmen.

DONALD W. MOORE,
Treasurer.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Land and buildings,	$592,618 00
Growing wood and timber,	75,701 00
Electric plants,	34,000 00
Horses, 73,	8,175 00
Mules, 1,	25 00
Oxen, 25,	4,525 00
Cows, 250,	27,480 00
Other neat stock, 87,	7,260 00
Sheep, 16,	128 00
Hogs, 4,	95 00
Fowls, 1,858,	1,958 00
Portable mills, machinery, 7,	7,400 00
Vehicles, 3,	1,500 00
Wood and lumber,	19,713 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks,	1,520 00

Stock and trade,	8,575 00
Machinery,	4,250 00
	$794,923 00
Less soldiers' exemptions,	19,250 00
Total on which tax is figured,	$775,673 00

Town tax rate, $3.55.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED IN 1945

Town charges,		$2,000 00
Fire department,		550 00
Town road aid,		548 27
Town maintenance,		8,000 00
Oiling streets and Slade hill,		2,050 00
Water rent,		25 00
Street lights,		862 00
Old Age assistance,		500 00
Town poor,		1,700 00
Memorial,		40 00
Parks and playgrounds,		100 00
Cemeteries,		300 00
To reduce state aid note,		1,158 34
County tax,		1,546 87
School tax,		15,467 55
Monadnock Region,		77 00
Town clock maintenance,		25 00
Total town and school appropriation,		$34,950 03
Less estimated revenue and credits:		
Interest and dividends tax,	$826 20	
Savings bank tax,	300 00	
Motor vehicle permit fees,	800 00	
Vilas trust fund,	3,600 00	
Crabtree estate,	1,200 00	
		$6,726 20
		$28,223 83

Plus overlay,		99 06
Net amount to be raised by taxation,		$28,322 89
Less poll taxes,	$774 00	
Less national bank tax,	12 50	786 50
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is figured,		$27,536 39
Taxes to be committed to collector:		
Property tax,	$27,536 92	
Regular polls at $2.00,	774 00	
National bank stock taxes,	12 50	
		$28,323 42
Special poll taxes at $3.00,		1,221 00
Estimated total taxes to be committed to collector,		$29,544 42

BENJAMIN H. BRAGG,
BURTON G. DANA,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
Selectmen of Alstead.

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer:		
Town,	$4,643 69	
Vilas Pool,	6,302 28	$10,945 97
Accounts due to the town:		
Due from state:		
Bounties,		113 50
Other bills due town:		
(a) From Crabtree estate,		1,200 00

	Unredeemed taxes:		
(a)	Levy of 1945, (none)		
(b)	Levy of 1944,		419 97
(c)	Levy of 1943, $445.25-$120.75,		334 56
(d)	Previous years,		282 23
	Uncollected taxes:		
(a)	Levy of 1945, $4,612.41, $288.00, $447.00,		5,347 41
(b)	Levy of 1944, $24.00, $2.00, $3.00,		29 00
Total assets,			$18,672 64

LIABILITIES

	Accounts owed by the town:		
	Due to state—Special $3 poll taxes:		
(a)	Uncollected—due state when collected (1944 $3.00) ,(1945 $447.00),		$450 00
(b)	Collected—not remitted to state treasurer, (1944 none), (1945 $93.44),		93 44
	Due to school districts:		
(a)	Dog licenses,	$337 53	
(b)	Balance of appropriation,	9,461 55	
			9,805 08
	Long term notes outstanding:		
S. O. A. road note,			3,737 47
Total liabilities,			$14,085 99
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus),			4,586 65
Grand total,			$18,672 64

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:			
	From local taxes:		
1.	Property taxes, current year,	$22,878 44	
2.	Poll taxes, current year, regular @ $2,	492 00	

3.	Poll taxes, current year, special @ $3,	783 00	
4.	National bank stock taxes, $12.50 included in No. 1.		
5.	Total of current year's taxes collected and remitted,		$24,153 44
6.	Property taxes, previous years,		3,521 78
7.	Poll taxes, previous years, regular @ $2,		258 00
8.	Poll taxes, previous year, special @ $3,		384 00
9.	Interest received on taxes,		158 89
10.	Tax sales redeemed,		120 75
			$28,596 86
	From state:		
11.	For highways and bridges:		
	Credit on town road account,	$312 04	
12.	Interest and dividend tax,	914 28	
14.	Savings bank tax,	317 63	
15.	Vilas Pool street light,	15 00	
17.	Attending forest fire meeting,	2 78	
	From local sources, except taxes:		
21.	Dog licenses,	354 94	
23.	Fines and forfeits, municipal court, pistol permits,	6 00	
24.	Rent of town property,	50 00	
26.	Income from trust funds,	3,175 28	
27.	Income from departments, fire department,	23 25	
29.	Registration of motor vehicles, 1945 permits,	684 71	
	Receipts other than current revenue:		
31.	Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year,	700 00	

37.	Trust funds, Vilas Pool,	2,372 74	
Total receipts from all sources,			$43,825 51
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1945,			
	Town,	$9,486 45	
	Vilas Pool,	6,273 14	
			15,759 59
Grand total,			$59,585 10

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
	General government:	
1.	Town officers' salaries,	$1,655 00
2.	Town officers' expenses,	103 86
3.	Election and registration expenses,	32 00
4.	Auto tax,	86 50
5.	Expenses town hall and other town buildings,	122 97
	Protection of persons and property:	
6.	Police department, including care of tramps,	21 08
7.	Fire department, including forest fires,	364 11
9.	Bounties,	113 50
10.	Dog tags, etc.,	15 41
	Health:	
12.	Vital statistics,	15 50
	Highways and Bridges:	
14.	Town road aid,	822 01
15.	Town maintenance,	9,945 10
16.	Street lighting and sprinkling,	862 44
	Public welfare:	
19.	Old age assistance,	800 63
20.	Town poor,	1,301 47

	Patriotic purposes:		
22.	Memorial day and Vets. Assocs.,	40 00	
	Recreation:		
	Vilas Pool,	2,343 60	
24.	Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts,	100 00	
	Public service enterprises:		
27.	Cemeteries, including hearse hire,	237 50	
	Unclassified:	645 40	
29.	Damages and legal expenses, blister rust,	83 85	
30.	Advertising and Regional Associations,	77 00	
31.	Taxes bought by town,	419 97	
	Interest:		
33.	Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	140 00	
	Indebtedness:		
45.	Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes,	7,000 00	
46.	Payments on long term notes, S. A. O. road note,	1,158 34	
	Payments to other governmental divisions:		
51.	Special poll taxes @ $3 paid to state,	1,083 52	
52.	Taxes paid to county,	1,546 87	
54.	Payments to school districts,	17,501 50	
	Total payments for all purposes,		$48,639 13
	Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1945,		

Town,	$4,643 69	
Vilas Pool,	6,302 28	
		10,945 97
Grand total,		$59,585 10

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Description	Value
1.	Town hall, lands and buildings,	$10,000 00
	Furniture and equipment,	900 00
2.	Libraries, lands and buildings,	125,000 00
	Furniture and equipment,	5,000 00
3.	Police department, lands and buildings,	150 00
4.	Fire department, lands and buildings,	3,000 00
	Equipment,	3,500 00
5.	Highway department, lands and buildings,	700 00
	Equipment,	1,500 00
6.	Parks, commons and playgrounds,	10,000 00
9.	Schools, lands and buildings,	155,000 00
11.	All lands and buildings acquired through tax collector's deeds:	
	Shadowland lot No. 29,	100 00
	Colby lot,	325 00
	Other Shadowland lots,	700 00
	French-Blake land,	50 00
	Land and buildings—Crosby,	225 00
	Kimball land,	100 00
Total,		$316,250 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT IN ACCOUNT WITH DOG LICENSES

Alstead, N. H., Dec. 31, 1945

Number of male and spayed female dogs @ $2.00, 103,	$206 00
Number of females at $5.00, 23,	115 00
Number of dogs licensed part year, 11,	21 44
Amount received for 44 fines,	37 00
	$379 44
Less fees for 137 licenses,	27 40
	$3,520 04
Amount paid town treasurer,	$353 14
Paid treasurer, Dec. 1944 to correct error $2.00 less 20c fee,	1 80
Overpaid treasurer,	$1 10

I hereby certify the above report is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY C. METCALF,
Town Clerk.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT—LEVY OF 1945

DR.

Taxes committed to collector:		
Property taxes,	$27,536 92	
Reg. poll taxes @ $2.00,	774 00	
Nat'l Bank Stock taxes,	12 50	
Total town taxes,		$28,323 42
Special poll taxes @ $3.00,		1,221 00
Total warrant,		$29,544 42
Added taxes:		
Property taxes,		30 18
Poll taxes—Regular @ $2.00,		16 00
Poll taxes—Special @ $3.00 and interest,		24 44
Interest collected,		2 79
		$29,617 83

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Property taxes,	$22,878 44	
Int. collected (includes .44 on special polls),	3 23	
Regular polls ($2),	492 00	
Nat's Bank tax, included, $12.50.		
		$23,373 67
Poll taxes—Special @ $3.00,		783 00
Amount collected and turned in to treasurer,		$24,156 67

Abatements allowed:		
Property,	$88 75	
$2.00 polls,	10 00	
$3.00 polls—special,	15 00	
		$113 75
Uncollected as per collectors list:		
Property taxes,	$4,612 41	
Poll taxes, regular ($2),	288 00	
Poll taxes, special,	447 00	
		$5,347 41
		$29,617 83

SUMMARY OF WARRANT—LEVY OF 1944

DR.

Uncollected balance as of Jan. 1, 1945:		
Property taxes,	$3,800 07	
Poll taxes—Regular @ $2.00,	312 00	
Poll taxes—Special @ $3.00,	474 00	
	$4,586 07	
Added taxes:		
Poll taxes—Regular @ $2.00,	$12 00	
Poll taxes—Special @ $3.00,	18 00	
Interest collected:		
On Property taxes and regular polls,	146 14	
On special polls,	9 52	
Total, debits,		$4,771 73

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Property taxes,		$3,502 87	
Interest collected:			
On property taxes and regular polls,	$146 14		
On special polls,	9 52	155 66	

Polls—Regular @ $2.00,		258 00	
Polls—Special @ $3.00,		384 00	
Total remittances to treasurer,		$4,300 53	
Abatements:			
Property taxes,	$273 20		
Polls—Reg. @ $2.00,	64 00		
Polls—Spec. @ $3.00,	105 00	442 20	
Uncollected taxes as per collectors list:			
Property tax,	24 00		
Poll tax, regular,	2 00		
Poll tax, special,	3 00	29 00	
Total credits,			$4,771 73

LEVY OF 1940

Uncollected, as of Jan. 1, 1945,	$18 91
Remitted to treasurer,	18 91
	00 00

LEONARD F. BRAGG,
Collector.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1945

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1945,	$9,486 45
Received from:	
L. F. Bragg, tax collector, 1940 taxes,	18 91
L. F. Bragg, tax collector, 1944 taxes,	3,907 01
L. F. Bragg, tax collector, 1945 taxes,	23,373 00
L. F. Bragg, tax collector, special poll and interest,	1,176 96
L. F. Bragg, tax collector, taxes redeemed and interest,	120 98
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk, auto taxes,	684 71
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk, dog licenses,	352 94
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk, error on '44 dog tax,	2 00
Selectmen, borrowed, Conn. River Nat. Bank,	7,000 00
Selectmen, Vilas estate,	3,175 28
Selectmen, interest and dividends tax,	914 28
Selectmen, Savings Bank tax,	317 63
Selectmen, rent town hall,	50 00
Selectmen, unclassified,	359 07
Total receipts, all sources,	$50,939 22
Selectmen's orders paid,	46,295 53
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1946,	$4,643 69

VILAS POOL ACCOUNT, TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Cash and hand, Jan. 1, 1945,	$6,273 14
Received from Vilas estate,	2,372 74
Total,	$8,645 88

Selectmen's orders paid,		2,343 60
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1946,		$6,302 28
In Keene National Bank,	$2,080 60	
In Walpole Savings Bank,	4,221 68	
	$6,302 28	

DON W. MOORE,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

B. H. Bragg, selectman, 1945,	$300 00
R. M. Brackett, selectman, 1945,	300 00
B. G. Dana, selectman, 1945,	300 00
H. L. Estabrook, moderator,	5 00
B. H. Bragg, overseer of poor,	60 00
Don W. Moore, treasurer,	200 00
Leon M. Trow, auditor, 1944,	20 00
Richard G. Bath, auditor, 1944,	20 00
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk,	150 00
Leonard F. Bragg, tax collector,	300 00
	$1,655 00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Postmaster, postage,	$18 00
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies,	2 60
Don W. Moore, supplies,	2 10
Chase's Book Store, supplies,	23 78
Maurice Pitcher, envelopes and printing,	16 35
D. L. Garrison, auto truck guide,	4 50
Don W. Moore, treasurer expense,	5 68
H. C. Metcalf, town clerk expense,	16 50
L. F. Bragg, postage and redemption book,	14 35
	$103 86

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Simione Hebert, keeping tramps,	$2 50
Maurice Pitcher, services as police,	5 00
W. L. Lewis, service as police,	3 58
W. D. Hayes, services as police,	10 00
	$21 08

STREET LIGHTS

Amount raised,	$862 00	
Received from Vilas Pool, 1 light,	15 00	
	$877 00	
Amount paid, out,		$862 44

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Amount raised,	$500 00	
Amount paid out,		$800 63

TOWN POOR

Amount raised,	$1,700 00	
Aid to Alvin Woodward,		$737 87
Aid to Herbert Kent,		497 87
Aid to Edwin Crosby,		25 00
Aid to Mrs. Mookley,		15 00
Aid to Clifford Burroughs family,		25 73
		$1,301 47

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Amount raised,	$550 00	
Paid John Monty, shoveling snow at fire house,		$1 25
B. H. Bragg, paid John Monty,		1 50
Heman Chase, attending fires and care of fire extinguishers,		37 75
Blanchard Associate Inc., soda,		14 11
Kane & Healy, range oil,		73 33
W. C. Kelly, attending fire meeting,		2 95
W. R. Burroughs, attending fire meeting,		2 60
N. H. Forestry & Recreation Dept., knapsack pumps,		13 75
Order drawn to fire Co., Ward and Campbell fires,		52 57
Leon W. Mousley, care of water holes,		7 50
W. C. Kelly, fire warden,		25 00
W. D. Hayes, fire warden,		25 00
B. G. Dana, fire warden,		25 00
B. H. Bragg, clerk of fire Co., and attending fires,		17 00
Granite State Electric Co.,		12 00
Frank Clark, attending fires,		2 25

Harry Spooner, attending fires,		1 60
W. C. Kelly, attending fires,		21 20
W. D. Hayes, attending fires,		4 00
B. G. Dana, attending fires,		12 12
Edward Wilson, attending fires,		4 50
Horace Jackson, attending fires,		2 25
Frank Dustin, attending fires,		1 88
Donald Muzzy, attending fires,		3 00
		$364 11

MEMORIAL DAY

Amount raised,	$40 00	
Amount paid,		$40 00

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Amount raised,	$100 00	
Paid H. D. Gale,		$100 00

AUTO PERMITS

Paid H. C. Metcalf, issuing,		$86 50

BOUNTIES

Paid out,		$113 50
Amount due from state,	$113 50	

DOGS

Received from H. C. Metcalf, licenses,	$353 84	
Paid Edson C. Eastman, dog tags and book,		$10 36
Paid W. L. Lewis, constable,		5 05
		$15 41

VITAL STATISTICS

Paid H. C. Metcalf,		$15 50

VILAS POOL REPORT

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1944,		$6,273 14
Cash received,		2,372 74
Total receipts,		$8,645 88

EXPENDITURES

Orders drawn by selectmen:

Superintendent,	$705 00
Other help,	688 81
Telephone and lights,	78 80
Insurance,	126 00
Music,	50 00
Other expenses,	694 99
	$2,343 60

UNCLASSIFIED

Association of N. H. Assessors, 1945 dues,	$2 00
Leon M. Trow, insurance,	143 98
Esther Bennett, recording deceased,	30
Winfield Chaplin, transfer cards,	14 80
Sentinel Printing Co., town reports,	165 90
B. H. Bragg, attending tax meeting and car,	9 00
R. M. Brackett, attending tax meeting, express on reports,	6 50
C. J. LaFrank, lumber for bridge, town dump,	14 54
Leon M. Trow, town officers bonds,	66 00
H. R. Pelton, repairing town clock,	5 00
Don W. Moore, repairs,	89
N. H. Forestry & Recreation Dept., pine blister rust,	83 85
Shedd-Porter Library, water rent,	25 00
L. F. Bragg, taxes bought by town,	387 52
L. F. Bragg, cost of tax sale,	32 45
C. E. Hatch, labor on town dump,	6 60
B. H. Bragg, list of mortgages,	9 01
B. H. Bragg, perambulating town lines,	35 00
R. M. Brackett, perambulating town lines,	35 00
B. G. Dana, perambulating town lines,	35 00
The Monadnock Region,	77 00
Seth Thomas Clock, switch for clock,	1 59
Maurice Pitcher, care of town clock,	25 00
H. C. Metcalf, dues for town clerk association,	2 00
E. A. Parker, setting up stove in tramp house,	2 50
L. F. Bragg, use of dump,	25 00

W. C. Kelly, labor on town car,		12 25
George Benware, gas,		2 54
		$1,226 22

TOWN ROADS

Amount raised for highways and bridges,	$8,000 00	
Oiling Slaid Hill and village streets,	2,050 00	
Received from school district, oiling,	142 05	
Received from oiling driveways,	69 99	
Received from town of Acworth for pipe,	100 00	
		$10,362 04
Orders drawn by selectmen,		9,945 10
Balance,		$416 94

T. R. A. ROAD

Amount raised, 1944 and 1945, and paid state highway department,	$822 01	
Amount expended by state highway,		$4,023 01
Unexpended balance, state,	66 28	
Unexpended balance, town,	22 10	

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Paid B. R. Taylor,	$12 00
Paid Roy H. Buss,	10 00
Paid Earl M. Pitcher,	10 00
	$32 00

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

Paid E. A. Parker, repairs,	$6 60
Paid H. C. Metcalf, supplies,	85
B. H. Bragg, paid for putting wood in,	1 25
H. L. Estabrook, supplies,	1 85
A. B. Lufkin, janitor,	75 00
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.,	10 30
Granite State Electric Co.,	27 12
	$122 97

Received from A. B. Lufkin for rent,	$10 00	
Received from Warren Pond Grange,	40 00	
	$50 00	

CEMETERIES

Amount raised,	$300 00	
Paid Frank Clark, labor,		$118 00
Paid Leon M. Trow, labor and cash paid,		119 50
		$237 00

SPECIAL POLL TAXES

Paid to state treasurer, 358 polls at $3.00,	$1,074 00
Interest,	9 52
	$1,083 52

ACCOUNT WITH SCHOOLS

Balance due school district, 1944,	$11,501 50	
Amount raised,	15,467 55	
		$26,969 05
Paid school treasurer,		17,501 50
Amount due school district,		$9,467 55
Due on 1945 dog tax,		337 53
Amount due school district,		$9,805 08

RECEIVED ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Conn. River National Bank,	$7,000 00	
Paid Conn. River National Bank,		$7,000 00
Savings Bank of Walpole, S. A. O. road note,		1,158 34

INTEREST

Conn. River National Bank,	$140 00

PAID TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

County tax,	$1,546 87

BENJAMIN H. BRAGG,
BURTON G. DANA,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
Selectmen of Alstead.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct with proper vouchers.

RICHARD G. BATH,
LEON M. TROW,
Auditors.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

JANUARY

Walter Wilson, labor,	$5 20
Carroll Hatch, Jr., labor,	18 75
George Benware, gas for tractor,	11 53
H. C. Metcalf, spikes,	80
Elmer Henery, labor,	11 70
W. L. Lewis, labor,	5 20
Fred Griffith, labor,	8 95
C. E. Hatch, truck,	59 00
Ernest Ball, truck,	4 00
Fred Carman, truck,	53 75
Rollins Hamlin, labor,	4 00
Hugh Talbot, labor,	2 60
Walter Wilson, labor,	10 40
C. E. Hatch, Jr., labor,	27 00
Roy Carman, labor,	13 97
Harold Ward, mixing patch,	10 00
C. E. Hatch, truck plowing snow,	74 40
Elmer Henry, labor,	11 70
C. E. Hatch, Jr., labor,	4 55
C. E. Hatch, plowing snow,	162 00
George Benware, gas and oil,	48 91
Jesse Grout, labor,	62 25
John Hyde, labor,	97
Fred Griffith, labor,	3 90
Walter Wilson, labor,	5 20
C. E. Hatch, Jr., labor,	33 00
C. E. Hatch, truck,	183 00

FEBRUARY

George Benware, gas and oil,	12 00
Jesse Grout, labor,	43 75
C. E. Hatch, Jr., labor,	26 00

S. S. Craig, labor,	28 55
C. E. Hatch, truck,	302 50
Fred Carman, truck and bulldozer, plowing,	536 63

MARCH

Hugh Talbot, labor,	6 50
Daniel Metcalf, Jr., labor,	5 85
Fred Griffith, labor,	11 05
Lyle Kemp, labor,	24 75
H. L. Lund, plowing snow,	18 00
John Smith, Sr., labor,	3 90
John Smith, Jr., labor,	3 90
Raymond Smith, labor,	3 90
George Benware, gas and oil,	37 72
Town of Marlow, plowing snow (tractor),	123 75
P. R. Rogers, driving Marlow tractor,	36 00
Vt. Sand & Gravel Co., hose and repair of sander,	8 10
Fred Carman, plowing snow (tractor),	45 00
Arthur Whitcomb, plowing snow (tractor),	207 50
C. E. Hatch, plowing snow, truck,	284 50
C. E. Hatch, Jr., labor,	9 10
Kenneth Hatch, labor,	5 85
E. A. Parker, pipe fittings,	1 32
Hugh Talbot, labor,	2 60
Fred Carman, truck,	6 88

APRIL

Roy Carman, tractor,	6 75
Walter Smith, labor,	11 70
Fred Carman, truck and shovel,	98 14
Walter Smith, labor,	24 05
R. A. Carman, labor,	3 95
Fred Carman, labor,	10 50
Richard Wilson, labor,	4 55
Gale Bath, labor,	2 60
Lyle Kemp, labor and team,	18 15
D. M. Metcalf, gravel,	5 20
Fred Carman, truck,	28 00
Arthur Whitcomb, tractor plowing snow,	92 50

MAY

Walter Smith, labor,	24 70
Gale Bath, labor,	21 78
Fred Carman, labor,	10 50
Vt. Concrete Pipe Corp., pipe,	284 20
T. Southworth Tractor & Mach. Co., tractor parts,	11 21
Harold Grant, truck,	9 60
Town of Sunapee, power grader,	189 00
Walter Smith; labor,	27 30
Fred Carman, truck, shovel and bulldozer,	254 00
George Craig, bill,	3 00
Walter Smith, labor,	13 65
Fred Carman, truck, shovel and bulldozer,	87 35
Vt. Concrete Pipe Corp., cement pipe,	108 34

JUNE

Walter Smith, labor,	27 95
Gale Bath, labor,	16 57
Lyle Kemp, labor,	9 75
L. W. Mousley, labor,	6 50
Fred Carman, truck, shovel and bulldozer,	186 90
Harry B. Biathrow, drilling and blasting,	108 50
Walter Smith, labor,	16 58
Fred Carman, truck, shovel and bulldozer,	151 20
Gale Bath, labor,	18 85
Leonard Balla, truck and gravel,	18 10
Burton Dana, gravel,	28 00
Fred Carman, truck, shovel, bulldozer and labor,	304 25
Town of Acworth, truck,	4 80
Gale Bath, labor,	23 72
T. S. Mann Lumber Co., bridge plank,	23 00
Gale Bath, labor,	7 80
R. J. McKenven, truck,	57 60
James Murray, truck,	66 80
Walpole Highway Dept., trucks, men and sander,	270 85
Fred Carman, truck,	27 00

JULY

Fred Carman, truck and shovel,	100 90
R. J. McKenven, truck,	26 40

Archers Hardware, bolts, nails and axe,	6 47
Fred G. Huntley, rake teeth,	34 00
Sidney S. Pratt, labor,	20 50

SEPTEMBER

Vt. Sand & Gravel Co., grader,	48 00
H. C. Metcalf, cement and spikes,	6 65
Clark-Wilcox Co., sander parts,	15 33
Koppers Co. Inc., tar,	1,669 04
P. A. Washburn, labor,	7 70
Fred Carman, truck, bulldozer and shovel,	95 90
Gale Bath, labor,	18 60
Town of Charlestown, truck,	21 60
Town of Walpole, truck,	19 20
R. A. Carman, labor,	7 20

OCTOBER

International Salt Co., salt bill,	141 00
T. S. Mann Lumber Co., bridge plank bill,	33 60
Walter Burroughs, bridge plank bill,	24 11
Lee Mousley, labor,	29 25
Gale Bath, labor,	3 25
Archers Hardware, pruning shears, bolts and spikes,	7 25
Charles LaFrank, lumber,	41 37
Fred Carman, truck and shovel,	70 20
Gale Bath, labor,	5 85
Robert Trask, labor,	25 20
Fred Carman, truck and bulldozer,	132 00
Arthur Whitcomb, shovel,	72 50

NOVEMBER

Robert Trask, labor,	39 55
Fred Carman, bulldozer, grader and truck,	100 50
Gale Bath, labor,	5 20
Fred Carman, bulldozer, truck and shovel,	124 90
Robert Trask, labor,	29 75
Fred Carman, bulldozer, shovel and truck,	128 60
Burton Dana, gravel,	5 00

DECEMBER

George H. Burroughs, labor,	33 15
Hedge & Matthies Co., air compressor and jackhammer rental,	70 77
Fred Carman, truck, shovel and plowing snow,	317 65
Fred Griffith, gravel,	18 00
Burton Dana, gravel,	10 00
Wallace Reed, plowing snow (truck),	30 00
Wallace Reed, plowing snow,	22 50
T. S. Mann Lumber Co., bridge material,	74 84
Robert Trask, labor,	34 65
Fred Carman, trucks, bulldozer, shovel and plowing snow,	198 10
Hedge & Mathies Co., grader rental,	150 00
Fred Carman, snow plowing, salting and sanding,	237 50
Tracy Harrington, bridge material,	45 00
C. J. LaFrank, bridge material and guard rail,	65 00
H. C. Metcalf, spikes,	1 60
Arthur Whitcomb, shovel,	37 50
Fred Carman, plowing and sanding,	120 30
C. E. Hatch, truck,	4 20
	$9,945 10
Amount raised for highways and bridges,	8,000 00
Amount raised, oiling,	2,050 00
Received from Vilas High school, tarring,	142 05
Received from tarring driveways,	69 99
Received from town of Acworth, cement pipe,	100 00
	$10,362 04
Orders drawn by selectmen,	9,945 10
Balance unused,	$416 94

FRED G. CARMAN,
Road Agent.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

January 1, 1946

Name of Fund	Principal	Dividend	Expended Library	Expended Schools	Expended Cemetery	Balance
Warren Monument Fund	$5,262 00	$260 94		$218 94	$42 00	
Shedd-Porter Library	75,625 85	2,798 44	$2,798 44			
Kimball Library Fund	2,465 19	115 33	115 33			
Carpenter Library Fund	500 00	25 14	25 14			
C. F. Warren Library Fund	5,650 00	212 38	212 38			
Kingsbury School Fund	606 00	24 26		24 26		
Cemetery Trust Funds	37,960 00	1,814 22			452 38	$1,914 52

DON W. MOORE,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT
H. L. ESTABROOK,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

We, the auditors of the town of Alstead have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds of Alstead and find them correct.

RICHARD G. BATH,
LEON M. TROW,
Auditors.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	Principal	Over-drawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Over-drawn
Holbrook	$200 00	$7 50		$9 45	$6 50		$4 55
Wells & Smith	510 00	12 00		24 09	12 00	$ 09	
Edith Kimball	200 00	5 00		9 45	4 00	45	
Gibson	100 00	3 00		4 72	3 00		1 28
Browne	500 00	9 65		23 62	12 00	1 97	
Lovell	200 00	1 50		9 45	4 00	3 95	
Elwell	100 00	3 00		4 72	3 00		1 28
Porter (Wentworth)	100 00	5 00		4 72	2 50		2 78
Banks	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
J. C. Kimball	500 00	2 58		23 62	20 50	54	
Mary A. Dinsmore	100 00	3 00		4 72	2 50		78
Milliken	100 00	6 00		4 72	5 00		6 28
Shepard	100 00	2 50		4 72	3 00		78
Hatch (Graves)	100 00	2 50		4 72	3 00		78
Emerson	100 00	4 00		4 72	2 50		1 78
Breed (Green)	100 00	6 00		4 72	3 00		4 28
Wood	100 00	3 00		4 72	2 50		78
Smith	200 00	5 00		9 45	5 00		55
Glover	100 00	3 00		4 72	2 50		78
Fay	100 00	1 41		4 72	3 00	31	
W. W. Dinsmore	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
Blake	100 00	3 00		4 72	2 50		78
Proctor (Miriam)	100 00	3 50		4 72	3 50		2 28
Vine Porter	200 00	1 91		9 45	5 00	2 54	
Fred L. Prentiss	100 00	5 00		4 72	5 00		5 28
Charles E. Cook	100 00	5 00		4 72	2 50		2 78
Patridge	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
Rogers	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
Colburn	250 00	6 50		11 81	10 00		4 69
Lucy Porter	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
Belt (French)	100 00	7 16		4 72	11 00		13 44
Chandler	100 00	2 50		4 72	3 00		78
Vilas	1000 00	55 30		47 25	62 00		70 05
Wallace	100 00	5 00		4 72	2 50		2 78
Eveline A. Hatch	200 00	7 31		9 45	6 50		4 36
Charles H. Cook	100 00	2 66		4 72	2 50		44
John V. Green	100 00	2 53		4 72		2 19	
Harlon P. Ware	300 00	2 50		14 17	8 50	3 17	
Marshall F. Bragg	100 00		$ 34	4 72	2 50	2 56	
William Cheever	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
Samuel Watts	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
Charles E. Kent	200 00	55		9 45	5 00	3 90	
Charles L. Linsley	100 00	2 50		4 72	9 50		7 28
Arthur E. Wilder	200 00	10 81		9 45	9 00		10 36
George Newell	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
John S. Chivers	100 00	2 50		4 72	7 00		4 78

Name of Fund	Principal	Over-drawn	Balance	Dividend	Expended	Balance	Over-drawn
Mary Ellen Hills	100 00	6 04		4 72	3 00		4 32
Burge-Stillings	100 00	4 29		4 72	3 00		2 57
John R, Jefts	100 00	3 54		4 72	2 50		1 32
Charles E. Ellis	100 00	13 79		4 72	2 50		11 57
Wilder Brothers	6,000 00		242 79	283 50	12 00	514 29	
Mary J, Elliot	10,000 00		274 37	472 45	59 88	686 94	
Hiram E. Page	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
Frank E. Trow	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
Amy V. Bonticou	600 00	12 00		28 40	12 00	4 40	
J. Franklin Weaver	100 00	2 50		4 72	2 50		28
Hattie J. Mitchell	500 00	7 65		23 62	10 00	5 97	
Ryder-Clark	100 00	3 00		4 72	2 50		78
George and Nancy Wilder	10,000 00		330 61	472 40	12 00	791 01	
John H. Allen	100 00	1 25		4 72	2 50	97	
Hovey-Allison	100 00	1 75		4 72	3 00		03
Harlan J. Pratt	100 00	2 75		4 72	2 50		53
David Clay	100 00	1 25		4 72	2 50	97	
Miller Fund	200 00	2 50		9 45	5 00	1 95	
Willis E. Crabtree	500 00		11 25	23 62	6 00	28 87	
George E. Porter	100 00	1 25		4 72	2 50	97	
George E. Cater	100 00	1 25		4 72	2 50	97	
Newell-MacLane	100 00	1 25		4 72	2 50	97	
W. F. Gilman	100 00	1 25		4 72	2 50	97	
Elizabeth A. Mitchel	200 00	2 50		9 45	5 00	1 95	
Heywood Fund	100 00			4 72	2 50	2 22	
Elmer B. Rhoades	100 00			4 72	3 00	1 72	
Milton C. Dodge	100 00			4 72	2 50	2 22	
William G. Baer	200 00			9 45	4 00	5 45	
Received from Warren Monument Fund 1945 Overdrawn				21 00		21 00	
	$37,960 00	306 68	859 36	1,814 22	452 38	2,095 48	180 96
			$306 68	552 68	1,914 52	180 96	
			$552 68	2,366 90	2,366 90	1,914 52	

Cash on hand pending acceptance by the town for the Washburn-Severense Fund 200 00

Cash on hand January 1, 1946 $2,114 52

DON W. MOORE,
ROBERT M. BRACKETT,
H. L. ESTABROOK,
Trustees of Trust Funds.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE SHEDD-PORTER LIBRARY
For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1945

RECEIPTS

Shedd-Porter fund,	$2,798 44
Carpenter fund, 1944,	12 57
Carpenter fund, 1945,	12 57
Kimball fund, 1944,	59 09
Kimball fund, 1945,	56 24
Warren fund, 1944,	141 14
Warren fund, 1945,	71 24
Interest on bonds,	25 00
Sale of books,	7 00
Water rents,	105 00
Connecticut River Nat. Bank, dividend frozen assets,	41 50
	$3,329 79
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1944,	2,110 55
	$5,440 34

PAYMENTS

Salaries:		
Librarian,	$770 42	
Assistant librarian,	20 75	
Janitor,	360 00	
Treasurer,	25 00	
Books,	541 94	
Magazines,	67 70	
Fuel,	157 61	
Telephone,	52 29	
Lights,	47 22	

Unclassified:		
H. L. Estabrook, supplies,	5 49	
Gaylord Brother, supplies,	22 50	
Edna Reeder, story hour,	5 00	
C. H. Metcalf, postage,	3 00	
E. A. Tuttle, filling well,	5 00	
W. H. Bodine & Son, plumbing,	5 20	
Ward F. Archer, supplies,	3 70	
Ward F. Archer, electrical supplies,	6 20	
Harry Hartwell, repairs to mower,	2 35	
W. C. Kelley, repairs to mower,	3 91	
James Brooks, work on wall, trucking sand,	56 00	
Withholding tax,	5 70	
C. J. Newell, gas, oil supplies,	5 60	
C. J. Newell, care of water works,	10 00	
Deposited in Savings Bank of Walpole,	500 00	
	$2,682 58	
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1945,	2,757 76	
		$5,440 34

Other assets:

U. S. Bonds G,	$1,000 00
Conn. River National Bank, frozen assets,	98 01
Walpole Savings Bank,	2,800 19

Examined and found correct:

RICHARD G. BATH,
LEON M. TROW,
Auditors.

C. J. NEWELL,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

As your librarian I hereby submit my third annual report.

During the year it has been our aim to build up the general book shelves and to have a good selection of both fiction and non-fiction for the adult public. The juvenile department has had special attention this year and it is gratifying to note so many new juvenile readers. We appreciate also the continued interest of the schools' use of reference opportunities. We are glad at any time to borrow books from the State Library or Extension Service if they are not available at our own library.

The adventures in Reading contest had 19 readers this year. In the library there were 41 books of the adult list and 16 of the young peoples.

Story Hour was in charge of Miss Edna Reeder and had an average attendance of 13 during the months of January and February, closing with a party. The library now has a portfolio of large sized reproductions of Mother Goose pictures for use in Story Hour or available for borrowing by nursery groups.

The index file at the back of the stock room is now in use and people desiring pamphlets are urged to avail themselves of this convenience.

Arrangements have been made for a bulletin board to be made this winter which will be a welcome addition to library service.

During Book Week all primary children and junior high students were invited to the library for book reviews and were given an opportunity to inspect book displays. This was especially desirable for those who can not often come to the library.

Upon receipt of Mrs. Holmes resignation the trustees appointed Mrs. Laura Mae Lane librarian and her work began the first of December with Miss Maud Edney continuing as assistant.

Number of books added by purchase,	331
Number of books added by gift,	27
Number of Magazines received,	38
Daily paper,	1
Weekly Paper,	2

RECORD OF CIRCULATION FOR BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

Fiction,	4,272
Non-fiction,	1,090
Juvenile,	2,080
Magazines,	2,544
Total,	9,986

Respectfully submitted,

MARION K. HOLMES,

Librarian (through November).

CHARLES D. DALZELL

From 1933 until his untimely death Charles D. Dalzell faithfully and competently served the schools of Supervisory Union No. 60. He gave unstintingly and impartially of his time and knowledge alike to the small rural schools and the larger town schools. He was vitally interested in the improvement of education for all the children in the union. He was always available and willing to help any one of the teachers, and because of his broad and sympathetic understanding of the different problems confronting them, he was consulted and respected by them all.

The members of the school boards of the several towns in this union relied upon his judgment and he gave freely of his knowledge and time in helping them. He worked ceaselessly and unselfishly to improve the schools so that the boys and girls who attended them would be better and more useful citizens. He gave generously of his time and energy to all worthwhile civic activities as he was vitally interested in all matters that make for a richer and better life in the community.

The school board members, teachers and students who worked under Mr. Dalzell lost in his death not only an able administrator, a respected advisor, and an outstanding teacher, but a friend with whom it was a pleasure to work. We all feel keenly the debt which we owe him, and our greatest regret is that we did not in his lifetime let him know how deeply we appreciated the work which he did.

ALSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board: Mrs. Mary C. Burroughs, Chairman: Miss Maybelle Still, Gilman Ellis.

Moderator: Benjamin Bragg.

Clerk: Marion Holmes.

Treasurer: H. L. Estabrook.

Auditor: Leon M. Trow.

Superintendent: Theron B. Thompson, Walpole.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district in the town of Alstead qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said district, on the 12th of March, 1946 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and truant officers, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent in the district.

6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose agents, auditors, and committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to make any alterations in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the district will authorize the school board to install water in the Village School, and to appropriate a sum of money for this purpose.

10. To see if the district will vote to make any allowances towards high school transportation, and to appropriate a sum of money for this purpose.

11. To see if the district will vote to appoint a committee to work with the school board in making a study of the grammar school needs of the district to report at the next district meeting.

12. To see if the district will elect to approve of the inclusion of its officers and employees (other than those eligible under the Teachers Retirement System) in the Employees Retirement System of the State of New Hampshire, which system is provided for by chapter 27-A of the Revised laws, as inserted by chapter 183 of the laws of 1945, and as provided by chapter 201 of the laws of 1945 and any subsequent amendments thereto.

13. If the district votes in the affirmative on the preceding article, to see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of dollars ($) for the purpose of providing funds for the district's contribution to said retirement system for the coming year.

14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Alstead, this 4th day of February.

MRS. MARY C. BURROUGHS,
MISS MAYBELLE STILL,
GILMAN ELLIS,
School Board.

A true copy of warrant—Attest:

MRS. MARY C. BURROUGHS,
MISS MAYBELLE STILL,
GILMAN ELLIS,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending June 30, 1945

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand,	$7,916 82	
Federal agricultural aid,	1,334 84	
Federal home economics aid,	244 59	
Rent of Lawton house,	275 00	
Town orders,	13,246 00	
Vilas fund,	4,399 18	
Stoddard tuition,	220 00	
Acworth tuition,	2,055 12	
Langdon tuition,	912 44	
Marlow tuition,	761 30	
State aid,	4,670 97	
Kingsbury fund,	12 12	
Warren fund,	110 09	
Dog tax,	255 50	
Frank Pelton estate, tuition,	31 00	
Dividend bus insurance,	2 86	
Refund, Daniel Metcalf,	40	
		$36,448 23

PAYMENTS

Salaries of district officers,	$300 00
Superintendent's salary,	555 00
School census,	18 10
Expenses of administration,	234 72
Teachers' salaries,	16,192 85
Text books,	384 09
Scholars supplies,	446 22
Flags,	6 65
Expenses of instruction,	76 20
Janitor service,	1,629 44

Fuel,	1,221 78	
Water, light and janitor supplies,	664 96	
Minor repairs,	495 12	
Health supervision,	338 70	
Transportation of pupils,	4,258 24	
Elementary school tuition,	294 00	
Other special activities,	112 18	
Tax for state wide supervision,	328 00	
Insurance,	506 25	
New equipment,	919 75	
Lawton house,	35 40	
Total payments.		$29,017 65
Cash on hand June 30, 1945,		7,430 58
		$36,448 23

ITEMIZED REPORT

Salaries of district officers:		
C. J. Newell,	$73 00	
Mary C. Burroughs,	73 00	
Maybelle H. Still,	100 00	
H. L. Estabrook,	50 00	
Leon M. Trow,	4 00	
		$300 00
Superintendent's excess salary:		
Union treasurer,		$555 00
School census:		
R. E. Lane,	$8 10	
Maybelle H. Still,	10 00	
		$18 10
Expenses of administration:		
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	$4 89	
H. L. Estabrook,	20 00	
Union Treasurer,	75 00	
Benjamin H. Bragg,	9 00	

Leon M. Trow,	24 00	
Edson C. Eastman Co.,	5 62	
Charles D. Dalzell,	44 46	
New England Tel. & Tel.,	51 75	
		$234 72

Salaries of principal and teachers:

Daniel Metcalf,	$2,293 55	
Donald Harmon,	1,183 05	
Lois Nelson,	648 38	
Edna McManus,	387 00	
Ruth Wilson,	1,300 85	
Gretchen Ray,	1,209 85	
Jean Kelliher,	1,176 65	
Mae Dennison,	1,039 95	
Alice Moore,	15 00	
Mildred Moultrop,	1,164 05	
Laura Edney,	1,197 60	
Frances Metcalf,	15 00	
Virginia Spaulding,	1,015 16	
Alice Ball,	1,197 60	
Madeline Merrill,	420 25	
Pauline Durling,	48 00	
Internal Revenue Collector,	1,880 91	
		$16,192 85

Text books:

Harcourt, Brace & Co.,	$30 29	
World Book Co.,	4 05	
Chas. E. Merrill Co.,	49 05	
American Book Co.,	58 49	
J. B. Lippincott Co.,	35 03	
The L. W. Singer Co.,	35 14	
Scott, Foresman & Co.,	55 59	
Beckley Cardy Co.,	22 25	
G. K. Haynes,	2 75	
The Arlo Pub. Co.,	69	
South-Western Pub. Co.,	26 30	

Iroquois Pub. Co.,	7 69	
Allyn & Bacon,	9 29	
D. C. Heath Co.,	15 81	
John C. Winston Co.,	10 46	
The Macmillan Co.,	3 48	
Ginn & Co.,	5 15	
Silver Burdette Co.,	10 25	
The Bobbs-Merrill Co.,	2 33	
		$384 09

Scholars' supplies:

Broadhead-Garrett Co.,	$124 46	
M. M. Metcalf,	74	
Mrs. J. L. Walker,	1 50	
Scott, Foresman & Co.,	16 81	
South Western Pub. Co.,	1 09	
Webster Pub. Co.,	4 95	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	170 71	
Harriet Whitton,	2 61	
H. L. Estabrook,	7 33	
Lois Nelson,	5 65	
H. C. Metcalf,	7 75	
Howard Hardware Co.,	9 72	
Silver Burdette Co.,	15 13	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	4 10	
J. H. Faught & Son,	1 75	
Alice Ball,	5 10	
Moore Brothers,	3 60	
Chase's Book Store,	2 60	
Ginn & Co.,	14 08	
Gledhill Bros. Inc.,	31 05	
Beckley Cardy Co.,	3 25	
E. F. Batchelder,	5 24	
The Green Co.,	7 00	
		$446 22

Flags:

Edward E. Babb & Co.,	$6 65

Other expenses of instruction:

Howard & Brown,	$3 96	
Gledhill Brothers, Inc.,	6 54	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	3 80	
The Village Printer,	4 75	
American Education Press,	19 80	
C. A. Gregory Co.,	10 11	
The Sugar Ball Press,	1 54	
Donald Harmon,	3 35	
The John C. Winston Co.,	1 93	
The Boston Music Co.,	10 19	
Civic Education Service,	3 90	
Herbert Holmes,	2 70	
Raymond Hoffman Co.,	1 21	
World Book Co.,	1 05	
The Felt Crafters,	1 37	
		$76 20

Janitor service:

Willard Kelley,	$1,329 00	
Collector of Internal Revenue,	21 00	
Alice Ball,	92 50	
Clifford Marvin,	186 94	
		$1,629 44

Fuel:

Herman Craig,	$69 00	
Howard Hardware Co.,	349 00	
Prentiss Haynes,	72 00	
Cota & Cota,	629 78	
Walter Burroughs,	102 00	
		$1,221 78

Water, light and janitor supplies:

Granite State Electric Co.,	$374 08	
West Disinfecting Co.,	13 25	
Sawyer Company,	13 29	
M. F. Bragdon Co.,	93 91	
Masury Young Co.,	13 61	

Rochester Germicide Co.,	38 50	
Willard Kelley,	20 00	
Mt. Kilburn Paper Co.,	77 92	
C. B. Dolge Co.,	11 88	
Bakin Sporting Goods Co.,	6 25	
H. L. Estabrook,	2 27	
		$664 96

Minor repairs:

West Disinfecting Co.,	$44 85	
Standard Electric Time,	20 00	
James Brooks,	5 50	
Ethel Brooks	8 50	
The Du-Ev Products Co.,	23 52	
Eugene Smith,	9 00	
J. H. Faught & Son,	68 00	
Noyes & Whitehill,	8 32	
Spencer Hardware Co.,	1 30	
Bragg Lumber Co.,	28 30	
George Kingsbury,	10 00	
Clifford Marvin,	3 50	
W. F. Gilman,	15 25	
H. R. Pelton,	6 00	
National Lock Co.,	1 15	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	5 27	
A. H. Rice & Co.,	10 62	
Barbara Ball,	25 80	
R. H. Buss,	24 13	
Willard Kelley,	90 26	
C. J. Newell,	12 00	
W. L. Gowen,	2 50	
Robert Burroughs,	37 80	
E. A. Parker,	3 00	
W. H. Bodine Co.,	2 80	
Lucy Cater,	1 40	
Walter Burroughs,	23 85	
Alice Ball,	2 50	
		$495 12

Health supervision:		
Thomas W. Reed,	$38 70	
Union Treasurer,	300 00	
		$338 70
Transportation of pupils:		
Keating Insurance Agency,	$104 64	
Harold O. Pierce,	37 00	
Harold Lund,	525 00	
John Allen,	1,140 00	
Hugh Clark,	700 00	
Jessee Grout,	700 00	
Herman Britton,	457 60	
Clifford Wheeler,	594 00	
		$4,258 24
Elementary school tuition:		
Surry school district,	$89 00	
Gilsum school district,	168 00	
Walpole school district,	37 00	
		$294 00
Other special activities:		
Webster Publishing Co.,	$8 34	
Frontier Press,	17 11	
Moores',	30 90	
American Education Press,	3 15	
New England Homestead,	1 00	
Donald Harmon,	14 90	
John Allen,	25 00	
American Poultry Journal,	1 00	
Silver Burdette Co.,	2 50	
American Forestry Asso.,	4 00	
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	4 28	
		$112 18
Tax or state wide supervision:		
State Treasurer,		$328 00

Insurance:		
Leon M. Trow,	$356 25	
G. H. Aldrich & Son,	150 00	
		$506 25
New equipment:		
W. H. Bodine Co.,	$766 00	
Americana Corporation,	130 82	
Fenton & Hennessey,	20 40	
Brodhead-Garrett Co.,	2 53	
		$919 75
Lawton house:		
Walker Insurance Agency,	$18 40	
E. A. Parker,	15 00	
H. R. Pelton,	2 00	
		$35 40

MARY C. BURROUGHS,
MAYBELLE H. STILL,
GILMAN ELLIS,
School Board.

TEMPORARY FINANCIAL REPORT FROM JULY 1, 1945 TO DECEMBER 31, 1945

RECEIPTS

Balance,		$7,430 58
Federal aid, agriculture,	$674 92	
Federal aid, home economics,	124 55	
		799 47
Received from Vilas fund,		2,263 43
Received from tuitions,		1,937 30
Town orders,		6,000 00
Bodine, rent of oil burner,		25 00
Total,		$18,455 78

PAYMENTS

Superintendent's excess salary,	$451 34
Census and truant officer,	10 00
Expenses of administration,	73 01
Principal's and teachers' salaries,	7,042 80
Text books,	414 19
Scholar supplies,	197 72
Expenses of instruction,	152 78
Janitor salaries,	826 20
Fuel,	464 64
Janitor supplies,	209 73
Minor repairs,	859 96
East Alstead water,	378 22
Health supervision,	175 00
Transportation of pupils,	2,329 81
Tuitions,	104 00
Special activities,	25 00
Per capita tax,	310 00
Insurance,	50 00

New equipment,	235 60	
Lawton house,	113 66	
Teachers' Retirement Fund,	25 67	
		$14,449 33
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1945,		$4,006 45

MARY C. BURROUGHS,
MAYBELLE H. STILL,
GILMAN ELLIS,
School Board.

REPORT OF DISTRICT SCHOOL TREASURER

July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945

RECEIPTS

Received from selectmen, town appropriation,	$13,246 00
Received from dog tax, 1944,	255 50
Received from trustees of trust funds, Warren fund,	110 09
Received from trustees of trust funds, Kingsbury fund,	12 12
Received from trustees of Vilas fund,	4,399 18
Received from Federal grants,	1,579 43
Received from state treasurer,	4,670 97
Received from Langdon tuition,	912 44
Received from Acworth tuition,	2,055 12
Received from Marlow tuition,	761 30
Received from Stoddard tuition,	220 00
Received from rent, Frances Hubley,	275 00
Received from Frank N. Pelson Est., tuition,	31 00
Received from all other sources,	3 26
	$28,531 41
Cash on hand June 30, 1944,	7,916 82
Total amount available for fiscal year,	$36,448 23
Less school board orders paid,	29,017 65
Balance on hand June 30, 1945,	$7,430 58

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statement and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Alstead of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945 and find them correct in all respects.

LEON M. TROW,

Auditor.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1946-47

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

School District of Alstead.

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1946.

Support of schools:	High Schools	Elementary schools	
Teachers' salaries,	$10,165 00	$9,990 00	
Text books,	175 00	175 00	
Scholars' supplies,	295 00	230 00	
Flags and appurtenances,	10 00	5 00	
Other expenses of instruction,	50 00	35 00	
Janitor service,	1,220 00	647 00	
Fuel,	720 00	580 00	
Water, light and janitor supplies,	440 00	360 00	
Minor repairs and expenses,	450 00	250 00	
Health supervision,	60 00	300 00	
Transportation of pupils,		4,950 00	
Payment of elementary tuitions,		148 00	
Other special activities,	60 00	40 00	
	$13,645 00	$17,710 00	$31,355 00
Other statutory requirements:			
Salaries of district officers,		$300 00	
Truant officer and school census,		10 00	
Superintendent's excess salary,		535 00	
Per capita tax,		324 00	
Other obligations imposed by law or established,		800 00	
			$1,969 00
Total amount required to meet school board's budget,			$33,324 00

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Federal aid, agriculture and home economics, (estimate),	$1,100 00	
State aid (December 1945 allotment),	4,670 00*	
Dog tax (estimate),	150 00	
Income from trust funds,	4,500 00	
High school tuitions (estimate),	2,600 00	
Elementary school tuitions (estimate),	750 00	
Deduct total estimated income (not raised by taxation),		$13,770 00
Assessment required to balance school board's budget,		$19,554 00

*Correct amount will be given at District Meeting.

MARY C. BURROUGHS,
MAYBELLE H. STILL,
GILMAN ELLIS,
School Board.

Alstead, N. H.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Alstead:

I herewith submit my first report as Superintendent of Schools:

This is the first peace-time school year since 1941. There is little need to review all the problems the schools have had to cope with during the period of national crisis. Probably the greatest problem has been in the field of personnel. At the beginning of the war era there were hardly more than enough teachers to fill all the classrooms. The colleges and universities were graduating only enough new teachers to take care of a moderate turnover. The enrollments of teacher-candidates had been falling off since depression days. The low wage-scales then in existence and the generally unsatisfactory living and working conditions, as compared to office and other types of work, were not very appealing to high school graduates.

Immediately following this country's entry into the war and the expansion of armament production, industry launched a campaign for new workers, offering high wages and ideal working conditions. Many teachers took advantage of these offers. The armed forces also made attractive overtures with the result that the schools lost more teachers. These three factors account in a large measure for the shortage of teachers today. Present indications are that the situation will continue to get worse for several years, particularly in the elementary field.

There are high school teachers returning from the war effort and there shouldn't be too great a shortage of these another year, except in certain fields. The rural situation is really acute. There are no people preparing for rural schools, and haven't been for a number of years. The living conditions are unsatisfactory in the rural areas. It has been impossible to find any kind of living accomomodations for the teachers

in some communities. Other districts have been forced to furnish transportation to a larger community in order to have a teacher.

Today, almost every teacher is looking for a single grade, or at most, two grades in a larger community. Many rural schools have been closed and others will need to be as the number of available teachers diminishes.

We are fortunate in having nearly the same teachers as last year. Miss Grete Meienborn of Keene, a graduate of Keene Teachers College, is the new home economics teacher. It was impossible to find a teacher for the East Alstead school until the winter term. There are still many schools in the state without necessary teachers. Mrs. Margaret Haynes, an experienced teacher who has taught in several New Hampshire communities is taking the six lower grades. The seventh and eighth grade pupils are being transported to the village.

Now that the war is over attention must be given to improvement of the facilities for the younger children. A committee was appointed a few years ago to make a study of this matter, but at that time nothing could be done. Added enrollments at Vilas make it necessary that more room be available for the high school pupils. This means that the fifth and sixth grade must be provided for somewhere else. The village school, as it is now, does not have enough room to accommodate these two grades. The playground area is entirely inadequate for the size of the school. There should be water in every school building. The present supply is not enough to allow each child all he really wants for drinking and washing, to say nothing of the inconvenience of having the water carried from a neighbor's. A committee should be appointed to work with the school board on a study of the needs of the district and make a report at some future time with definite recommendations.

SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENT, JANUARY 15, 1946

Vilas High School,	84
Vilas Junior High,	48
Village Primary 1-2,	15

Village Elementary 3-4,	22
Village Elementary 5-6,	22
East Alstead,	12
	203

Tuition pupils are enrolled as follows:

	High	Junior High	Elementary
Acworth,	25	18	1
Langdon,	15	1	5
Marlow,	9	1	
Stoddard,	2	0	
Drewsville,		2	
Gilsum,	2	0	
Total,	53	22	6

Elementary pupils enrolled in schools outside of the district:

Gilsum village,	7
Surry village,	1
Drewsville,	1
Total,	9

HEALTH

Health inspection showed the following defects:

206 pupils were inspected.
10 pupils were underweight.
138 pupils were in need of dental care.
10 pupils were advised to have throat and nose examined by a physician.
13 pupils showed poor posture.
7 pupils showed defective vision—uncorrected.

A dental clinic was held February 1, 2, 13 to 16, 1945. Work done as follows:

Number of pupils treated,	59
Number of pupils having teeth cleaned,	43
Number of pupils having silver fillings,	64
Number of pupils having porcelain fillings,	14

Number of pupils having extractions,	22
Number of pupils having treatments,	7

33 pupils had their teeth cared for by their own dentist.
2 pupils had special eye examinations and defects corrected.
5 pupils were treated privately for tonsils and adenoids.
175 pupils were given audiometer tests.
5 pupils were found to have defective hearing.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1944-45

Total registration,	231
Average membership,	199.73
Percentage of attendance,	92.59
Cases of tardiness,	241
Visits by superintendent,	198
Number of pupils not absent or tardy,	2
Visits by citizens or others,	398
Half-days schools were in session,	349

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

Water has been piped into the East Alstead School which is a great convenience. A new oil burning heater was installed to replace the old stove which was badly cracked.

At the Village school the outside doors were rehung to conform to the "Cocoanut Grove" Law which requires that all exit doors to public buildings open outward. The front steps were also rebuilt. An easel was built for the primary building. A new door frame was put into the cellar entrance and a number of broken or badly cracked lights of glass were replaced.

At Vilas school the floors were refinished, a majority of the window sills were painted, and the front of the stage and base boards were varnished. The oil burner, the vacuum control on the heating system, and the clock were overhauled and checked. The drives were tarred and the tennis court lines were painted.

Other minor repairs were made as needed at all other schools.

Robert F. Wood of East Alstead presented two original engravings of Abraham Lincoln which were made from the original negative made shortly after the presidential election

in November, 1860, by Alex Hesler of Chicago. These are much appreciated.

VILAS HIGH SCHOOL

The school has shown a great deal of interest in buying war stamps and bonds. Each room has its own cashier and then there is a head cashier.

Dancing classes have been held weekly and the students enjoy them immensely.

The Vilas High School basketball team was again one of the four Class C teams chosen to enter the Annual Tournament at the University of New Hampshire. For the second consecutive time the Vilas boys won the Class C championship and also had three members of the squad chosen on the "All State" team.

A beautiful plaque and gold basketballs were presented to the members of the squad.

A sum of sixty-five dollars was donated toward the purchase of an electric score board.

Socials are held at intervals during the school year. Each class sponsors one social. Poise, manners, and social ethics are strongly stressed at these gatherings.

As in previous years student leaders were elected for each major sport and have participated in organizing the girls' intramural sports program. The activities last spring included a basketball play day at Springfield, Vermont.

During the fall the junior and senior girls were particularly interested in tennis and in their physical education classes, and noon activity periods developed fundamental playing skills and an enthusiasm for an activity which will provide valuable recreation for mature use of leisure time. Soccer also provided an opportunity to enjoy a team sport during the fall.

In addition to the intramural basketball schedule for the winter the girls have played one game with the alumni. Later activities will include volley ball, folk dancing, gymnastics, and stunts, and softball in the spring.

The students of the Commercial Department mimeographed programs for the Walpole High School Fair in addition to those of the Vilas Fair and Plays.

In the Christmas issue of the Vilas Vernacular, an attempt was made to contact every graduate in an effort to acquaint the students with the occupational opportunities in the local community in whatever other towns and cities the alumni are now situated. In the absence of a regular Art Department, the school paper provided an outlet for artistic talent displayed by many of the students. The section editors strove for originality in set up and treatment of their various departments.

The Home Economics Department is especially large this year with an enrollment of approximately sixty girls.

In addition to the usual preservation of food, the Freshmen and Sophomore girls successfully dehydrated apples and celery on drying racks made by the shop boys, and covered by the girls themselves.

At the Annual School Fair the foods were exhibited in addition to the many displays from the other classes and the community. More than 350 people visited us during the day and both the Agricultural Department and the Home Economics Department felt more than repaid for their efforts.

During the winter months the Home Economics Department is cooperating on a plan to give balanced lunches to all those who desire them. The first month the number wanting the lunches increased from 50 to 100 and has remained steady at that number. The number of ½ pints of milk sold increased from 50 to 150. This is encouraging not only because it enables us to give the pupils the food they need, but also in development of new food habits, especially for the underweight children.

The Junior and Senior girls are concentrating on family relationships and community cooperation; taking for their project the making of 12 children's coats for the Red Cross.

In connection with the study of children the class had a demonstration group from the community nursery school to which they gave suitable home-made toys.

During the first half of the year, Miss Meienborn has also made approximately 50 home visits in an efforts to become better acquainted with the homes and parents of the home economics girls, thus enabling the work in the department to be more pertinent.

Last May three young students attended the State Forensic Contest which was held in Laconia, N. H. Here they entered in the humorous declamation and extemporaneous sections. We were very proud of the fact that one of our boys won second prize for his extemporaneous speech.

As the future of many of our graduates was uncertain in the year 1945, for the theme of our program we decided that "The Student Faces Tomorrow's World" would be most applicable. From this we chose the most permanent factor, that of education. The four honor pupils wrote and delivered essays on the following subjects: "Traditional Education," "Functional Education," "Progressive Education," and "Future Education." Four tableaux were presented to illustrate these topics. The first showed the statue of the Greek goddess Minerva, the spirit of education. The second portrayed a typical group of high school students during a class period. The third depicted an artist painting a portrait of a young girl. The fourth, a student standing before the Statue of Liberty, symbolized the many hopes and dreams of every young American.

The English classes were again pleased to visit the Shedd-Porter Library and browse through the many books and magazines. As many of the students have become members of the Student Book Guild and have started libraries of their own, it is certainly worth while to have this grand opportunity.

In the English classes this year a great deal of stress has been placed upon the development of poise and technique through oral interpretation.

One group of students presented a debate for the South Acworth Women's Club. The subject was on compulsory military training in the United States for boys from 18-21 years. From this, good arguments based upon logical reasoning were developed and delivered intelligently.

More work of this type is being encouraged.

Following the trend of the agricultural high schools of the state, most of the Vilas High School boys enrolled in the vocational agricultural course. The Junior-Senior group is made up of seven boys representing the towns of Langdon, Marlow, Acworth and Charlestown; the Freshmen-Sophomore group is comprised of twenty boys representing Acworth, Marlow, Alstead, Gilsum, Charlestown and Langdon.

Their work is centered around the major farm enterprises of this area. In order to enable them to have as great an understanding of the problems of these enterprises as possible, they are first given the more simple lessons and the ones that are felt to be most immediately necessary. Gradually this work, as outlined in their Four Year Plan, tends to evolve into ownership problems; that is, managerial problems calling for the forming of decisions based on factors learned. New ideas influencing these decisions are gathered during field trips, from up to date magazine articles and advertisements, moving pictures, radio commentary, United States Department of Agriculture reports, and exchange of views and experiences of various farm folk.

The years just passed have shown the worthwhile use which can and should be made of farm shop. The need may possibly not be as urgent now, but the boys do know that they can fit the farm shop into their farm program. For instance, some of the articles made or in the making, that come under this heading are chicken hoppers, grit hoppers, grain scoops, grain box, single-trees and eveners, seedling flats, wheelbarrows, funnels, "doodle-bug" tractors, trailers, milking stools, eye-bolts, cold chisels, punches, etc. Work other than that which is an aid to the farm enterprise is discouraged.

At the opening of the school year, the boys successfully participated in the "Fair of the Monadnock Region" and then helped to promote their own school fair which was evidently enjoyed by the student body and their friends.

As in the past, these groups participated in the Interscholastic Judging Contest held at the University of New

Hampshire in October, and gave a very creditable account of themselves as they topped the state in the sweepstakes totals.

The boys have lately revived the Vilas Chapter of Future Farmers and plan to have delegates attend the state meeting this coming spring.

I wish to express appreciation for the excellent support and cooperation received from the members of the School Board, teachers, parents, and pupils.

Respectfully submitted,
THERON B. THOMPSON,
Superintendent of Schools.

VITAL STATISTICS

At the request of the Selectmen, there is submitted herewith a transcript of the births, marriages and deaths as recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 1945.

Births Registered in the Town of Alstead, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1945

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.					
Feb. 16	Beth V.	F	L	1	Wallace G. Bascom	Helen M Carman	Chef	Piermont	Laconia
Mar. 28	Andrea L.	F	L	2	Maurice C. Pitcher	Lilla B. Simino	Assembly man	Swanzey	Alstead
Apr. 28	Lawrence J.	M	L	1	George E. Wilson	Loretta B. Monty	Machinist	Stillwater, N. Y.	Alstead
May 8	Jack Alan	M	L	1	Carroll H. Metcalf	Frances E. Pierce	Postmaster	Sandwich	Alstead
" 10	Robert E.	M	L	6	Joseph E. Berube	Gertrude Harris	Lumbering	Marblehead, Ms.	Beverly, Mass.
Aug. 20	Mary E.	F	L	16	Frank E. Monty	Mary J. Race	Foreman R. R.	Philmont, N. Y.	Mechanicsv'e, N Y
Oct. 29	Susanne B.	F	L	3	Roland T. Simmons	Helen M. Helenski	Farm	Hartford, Conn.	Alstead
Dec. 24	Joseph I.	M	L	1	Joseph I. Pogoda	Amelia T. Nowak	U. S. Army	Greenfield, Mass.	Turners Fs., Ms.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Alstead, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1945

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 13	Alstead	Frederick I. Wilson	Bell's Falls, Vt.	27	U. S. Navy	Ware House Pt., Ct.	Cassius I. Wilson	W. Dummerson, Vt.	1st	Rv G B Marsh
		Lacea J. Roeser	W Orange, N J	33	School tchr.	Pittsburg, Pa.	Chas. F. Roeser	Pittsburg, Pa.	1st	Alstead
Mar. 18	Sax. Riv., Vt.	Robert Esslinger	Bell's Falls, Vt.	23	Shipping clk.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	Thos. H. Esslinger	Miss.	1st	Rv J M Gordon
		Katherine B. Pedersen	Alstead	19	Egg candler	Alstead	Henry A. Pedersen	Chicago, Ill.	1st	Saxtons Riv., Vt.
May 27	Alstead	Herbert E. Pratt	Alstead	22	Painter	Acworth	Carl H. Pratt	Keene	1st	Rv G B Marsh
		Jeannie L. Evans	Alstead	18	Egg candler	Groton, Vt.	Isaac Evans	Laconia	1st	Alstead
Aug. 22	Sav. Riv., Vt.	Clifford R. Burroughs	Alstead	31	Carpenter	Alstead	Ernest Burroughs	Alstead	2d	Rv J M Gordon
		Eleanor M. Wheeler	Bar Harbor, Me.	22	Housekeeper	Claremont	Leonard Sargent	Cornish	2d	Saxtons Riv., Vt.
Sept. 3	Alstead	Irvin R. Lawson	Palmer, Ms.	63	Wire mfg.	Troy, Vt.	Frederick Lawson	England	2d	Rv G B Marsh
		Julia M. Rose	Palmer, Ms.	59	Housework	Bombay, N. Y.	Alexander LaFluer	U. S. A.	2d	Alstead
Sept. 16	Charlestown	Edward F. Todriff	Pittsford, Vt.	32	Farm	Shoreham, Vt.	Moses Todriff	Shoreham, Vt.	1st	Rv A P Watson
		Alethia A. Slater	Pittsford, Vt.	29	Housework	Salisbury, Vt.	Wm. Slater	Swanton, Vt.	1st	Charlestown
Sept. 19	Keene	William F. Molesky	Alstead	26	Lumbering	Keene	Michael Molesky	Lithuania	1st	Rv T S Hansberry
		Doris E. Beckwith	Gilsum	15	At home	Bellows Falls, Vt.			1st	Keene
Sept. 25	Alstead	Albert E. Dane	Alstead	18	Lumbering	Sunderland, Vt.	Geo. W. Dane	Vermont	1st	B H Bragg, J P
		Vician E. Friot	Alstead	23	Shoe wkr.	Highgate Spgs., Vt.	Francis Friot	Highgate Spgs., Vt.	1st	Alstead

*What marriage—Whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Alstead, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1945

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Sept. 29	Alstead Ctr.	Ralph F. Renzelman	Alstead	24	U. S. Army	Long Branch, N J			1st	Rv G B Marsh
		Margaret L. Gassett	Putney, Vt.	26	Nurse	Pittsfield, Ms.	Geo. H. Gassett	Putney, Vt.	1st	Alstead
Oct. 13	Alstead	Samuel S. Craig	Alstead	50	Carpenter	E. Westmoreland	Isaac A. Craig	Andover, Vt.	2d	Rv G B Marsh
		Carrie F. LaGassa	W. Lebanon	45	Nurse	Woodstock, Vt.	Hiram T. Whitney	Marshfield, Vt.	2d	Alstead
Oct. 25	Alstead	Arthur P. Joyal	Alstead	60	Farm	Canada	Emanuel Joyal	Canada	2d	B H Bragg, J P
		Minnie A. Scott	Alstead	64	Housework	Oakland, Me.	Chas. H. Emerson	Liberty, Me.	2d	Alstead
Nov. 28	Walpole	Harvey G. Pratt	Alstead	29	Farm	Alstead	Sidney S. Pratt	Alstead	1st	Rv A R Linblade
		Doris H. Rowley	Alstead	21	Housework	Bristol, Ct.	Chas. E. Rowley	Torrington, Ct.	1st	Walpole

*What marriage—Whether 1st, 2nd, etc.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Alstead, N. H., for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1945

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S., M., W.*	Father.	Mother.		
May 3	Ida T. Beald	77	11	19	Lempster	F	W	Hillsboro	Hillsboro	Wilson Thompson	Mary Wilson
July 1	Charles C. Cutting	60	10	9	Montville Conn.	M	M	Mass.	Portland, Me.	Charles Cutting	Jessica A. Campbell
" 14	Hobert M. Kent	87	4	2	W. Newbury, Mass.	M	S	Mass.	Massachusetts	David Kent	Betsey Rogers
Sept. 18	Emma Belle Griffith	66	10	19	Alstead	F	M	Alstead	Alstead	Geo. H. Burroughs	Ida M. Willis
" 23	George P. Kingsbury	72	11		Alstead	M	S	Chester, Vt.	Alstead	Daniel P. Kingsbury	Flora Wilson
Nov. 17	Alvin A. Woodard	91	5	9	Dorchester, Mass.	M	S	Westminster, Ms.	Westminster, Ms.	Samuel Woodard	Arley Laurenza
" 17	Harry W. Jewett	79	8	7	U. S. A.	M	W	Maine	Keene	R. P. Jewett	—— Dodge
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Mar. 19	Hattie Kidder Smith										

*Single, married or widowed. **Brought to town for burial.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY C. METCALF,
Town Clerk.